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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

PUBLIC NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

OF TEXAS

PUC PROJECT NO. 51840

RULEMAKING ESTABLISHING ELECTRIC WEATHERIZATION STANDARDS

The staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (commission) requests comments on questions regarding Project No. 51840, *Rulemaking Establishing Electric Weatherization Standards*.

At the time of this filing, the Commission's rules requiring that pleadings or documents be physically filed are suspended. *See* Project Number 50664, *Issues Related to the State of Disaster for Coronavirus Disease 2019*, Second Order Suspending Rules filed on July 16, 2020. As long as this suspension remains in effect, comments may be filed through the interchange on the commission's website. If the suspension of these rules is lifted during the pendency of this project, comments may be filed by submitting 16 copies to the Filing Clerk, Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 North Congress Avenue, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. All comments should reference Project No. 51840. Comments are due by 3 p.m. CT on June 23, 2021.

1. To fulfill the requirements of Texas Utilities Code § 35.0021(b), under what weather emergency conditions should the Commission require a provider of electric generation service in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) power region to be able to operate its generation facilities? At a minimum, please address standards for temperature, icing, wind, flooding, and drought conditions. For each, please address whether the standard should vary by region or by type of generation facility. Please provide any relevant support for your

recommendations, including existing or proposed standards in other jurisdictions, or related studies.

2. To fulfill the requirements of Texas Utilities Code § 38.075(a), under what weather emergency conditions should the Commission require an electric cooperative, municipally owned utility, or transmission and distribution utility providing transmission service in the ERCOT power region to be able to operate its transmission facilities? At a minimum, please address standards for temperature, icing, wind, flooding, and drought conditions. For each, please address whether the standard should vary by region or by type of generation facility. Please provide any relevant support for your recommendations, including existing or proposed standards in other jurisdictions, or related studies.

Questions concerning this notice should be referred to Kristin Abbott at (512) 936-7459 or kristin.abbott@puc.texas.gov. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission through Relay Texas by dialing 7-1-1.